
* INDIANA SINCLAIR-TIMEX NEWSLETTER *

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I.S.T.U.G. MEETING

The meeting for the User Group for both the month of April and May will be held at the Eagledale Public Library, 3225 Lowery Rd., Indianapolis, IN. This is one block east of Georgetown Road on 34th, at 34th and Lowery. If you need directions, either call the Library or Paul Holmgren at 317-291-6002. The meetings start at 1:30 P.M. and usually last 2-3 hours. They are held in the conference room. The April meeting is on the 30th, and the May meeting is on the 21st. Let us have a good turnout for the meeting, and make it better for all of us. This time I shall bring a better recorder for the TS1000 so we can look at some Scottish Hi-Res programs. Paul will also be there with his new Trump Card for his QL. By the way, the word everywhere (or at least it seems) is to buy whatever memory for any of your computers NOW. The prices seem to be being driven up by artificial means and have not hit top dollar yet. Even if it is bare memory chips, you had best buy before the next round of price increases, as the powers that be plan on making extra dollars this year.

EDITOR CHANGE

For at least the next three issues of the newsletter you will be having a new Editor, Mike Fellerski. Mike is well qualified for this position and is a writer in his spare time for both TS publications and other professional magazines in the computer arena. You may send submissions for the newsletter to him at 2110 1/2 Parnell Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805. Any that I get I will forward to him or hold till I resume the post of Newsletter Editor. He can accept files on disk in the Larken format or on tape, or hardcopy. He is not yet equipped with a QL, so would not be able to handle media for that, so you may still send those to me, Frank Davis, 513 East Main, Peru, IN 46970.

This temporary change is very necessary for me. I work two jobs, in addition to what I do for the User Group and the Newsletter. For the last 3 years I have been very slowly trying to build a new house for my wife, Carol, and I. However with the Group, and the producing of the last two Midwest Timex-Sinclair Computer Shows, progress has been painfully slow. With Mike's help on this I shall now have a bit more time to devote to building.

The winner of our second screen contest was Willie Jones of Indianapolis. He donated his 6 month membership prize to Ralph McCrum of Mishawaka, IN. There was no winner in our first screen contest with Spectrum screens. The screens on the TS2068 were: Horace Goes Skiing, Sprites, Artworx, Fun Golf, and Musicola.

THE THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL/
GREAT NW TS MINI-FAIR
1419 1/2 7th Street, Oregon City, Oregon 97045
(503) 655-7484

Dear Fellow User Group Members,

You are all cordially invited to attend THE THIRD ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL/GREAT NW TS MINI-FAIR to be held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Portland, OR, on August 6th and 7th of this year.

As planned, this two day event should be the high point of your 1988 computing year! Plans include the following:

SEMINARS: Speakers committed at this time include such notables as: Jack Dohany, Norm Lehfeldt, Ed Grey, Mike de Sosa, Syd Wyncoop, Vince Lyon, Wilf Rieger, and Michael Carver. More will be added later to a total of 12 seminars.
Topics to include: Disk Drives, 68000 architecture, an overview of the QL-it's past, present and future, Z80 machine code programming, CP/M on TS machines, GIF graphics on TS machines, Telecommunications, getting the most from Archive on the QL, 1000 information and much, much more!

VENDOR EXHIBITS: Committed vendors at this time are: TIME DESIGNS MAGAZINE, RMG ENTERPRISES, AMERICAN MICRO CONNECTION, G & C COMPUTER PRODUCTS and more to follow!

USER GROUP EXHIBITS: Groups to attend so far include: CCAT/S, your hosts, Vashon Island group, Seatug, of Seattle, Vancouver, B.C. group from Canada, and hopefully many, many more, including YOURS!

DOOR PRIZES: To be awarded on an hourly basis during the entire 2 day event (provided enough are donated to the cause).

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION MEETING: Scheduled for the evening of Saturday, August 6th, at 9:00 PM. This is planned as an informal get-together in the seminar room (room for about 120 people, theater style) and will be an open forum with as many of the seminar speakers as possible to be at the "head of the class to field questions and lead discussions on their respective fields of expertise. This has been requested a lot and should be a high point of the weekend.

SCENIC BUS TOURS: For the non-computer fanatics that may come with you, there will be an all day scenic bus tour of the beautiful Columbia River Gorge on Sat., Aug. 6 at a very nominal charge per person and a free bus ride to the Washington Park area of Portland on Sun, Aug. 7, where you may visit the world famous Portland Zoo, the World Forestry Center, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and the beautiful Japanese Gardens. There are nominal fees to enter some of these attractions, between \$2 and \$4. These tours will originate from the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

A clown will provide entertainment for the little ones while you look at the exhibits or attend a seminar.

S . N . U . G .
Sinclair Northamerica Users Group

During one of the organizational meetings of the recent Sunstate Timex/Sinclair Winterfest '88, the idea of a National organization for the advancement of Sinclair computing came up. It was decided that since we had developed a "core group" that was dedicated to promoting Sinclair computing, We would attempt to lay the groundwork for such an organization. It was also mentioned that the greater the amount of time from the departure of Timex from the computer industry, the less of an active market would result. Since we would have users from across the nation at the fest, it would be an ideal time to make our plans known. So, the Sinclair Northamerica Users Group, or SNUG (a name submitted to us by John Cushran, and later modified by Bill Jones) was starting to come closer to reality.

WHAT IT IS

The intent of SNUG is to provide a forum for exchange of ideas. It would be a source of information, such as a listing of active members, active Users Groups, Sinclair specific Bulletin Boards, an active library of Public Domain software, and a listing of available shareware and freeware. Later on we hope to propose an industry wide standard of hardware and software compatibility. So as to not have to reinvent the wheel, and to do this in the shortest amount of time, we going to try and use an already established National group, such as CORSA (Corvair Owners Assn.) as a model to base our group on. SNUG would act as an umbrella Organization, with Regions being developed to tie in with established groups in those areas.

WHAT IT ISN'T

It is the intent of the organizers NOT to infringe or supercede any already established User Group or Vendor. It is intended to show some strength to the industry that Sinclair is not dead, and the mere fact that we can get this Organization together will prove that we can stick together and grow and prosper. We look at this as an enhancement to activities that have been planned on. Hopefully a Northamerican Calendar of events could be established to help co-ordinate any future plans and events. It is not designed to take anything away from anyone.

WHAT TO DO

We need the support of EVERY SINGLE SINCLAIR USER ! Whether you reside in Canada, the U.S., or Mexico, or for that matter anywhere, we need to know how you feel and what you want in this Organization. This is your opportunity to be heard ... your comments, criticisms, complaints, or praises. What we have here is

nothing more than an idea. Nothing at this time is set in concrete. We are more than open to suggestions. To make it work, these ideas of yours have to be forwarded immediately. We are putting on a time limit until June 30, 1988. If there is no support, then we will not proceed further. If there is input, we will update on a monthly basis to whoever will put the information in print. So, let's hear from you soon!!

TEMPORARY CONTACT FOR INFORMATION :

MEL NATHANSON

1000 HIGHWAY, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

TS2068 PERIPHERALS

I HAVE THE FOLLOWING PERIPHERALS IN STOCK FOR THE TS2068:

JWM-1 42-KEY KEYBOARD SYSTEM \$69.95
JWM-7 65-KEY WORD-PROCESSOR-ORIENTED KEYBOARD SYSTEM \$99.95
JWM-4 RGB INTERFACE UNIT \$34.95
JWM-6 KEMPSTON JOYSTICK INTERFACE \$19.95
JWM-2 SOUND BOOSTER \$41.95
JWM-11 SPECTRUM TWISTER INTERFACE \$39.95
JWM-3 CARTRIDGE-REAR-BUS-EXPANSION PORT ADAPTOR \$24.95

POSTAGE AND HANDLING FOR KEYBOARDS IS \$5.00; REMAINDER \$1.50

FOR FREE CATALOG, WRITE TO: J. MATHEWSON
1852 APPLEFORD STREET
GLOUCESTER, ONTARIO
K1J 6T4, CANADA

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*      THE GREATER CLEVELAND      *
*      SINCLAIR USER'S GROUP      *
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*                                     March 19, 1988
*      announcing.....
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*      THE Timex-Sinclair-Amstrad
*           Computer Users
*      1988 MIDWEST Regional Conference
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*      August 26 & 27, 1988
*           Cleveland, Ohio

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The Greater Cleveland Sinclair Users Group will host the third annual MIDWEST Timex-Sinclair- Amstrad gathering on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 & 27, 1988.

Our theme for this event is; "Users - learning from other Users" - of ZXs, 2068s, Spectrums, QLs, and Amstrad PCs and PCWs.

Displays, demonstrations, and presentations by individuals, user groups, software authors, hardware developers, and vendors will be emphasized.

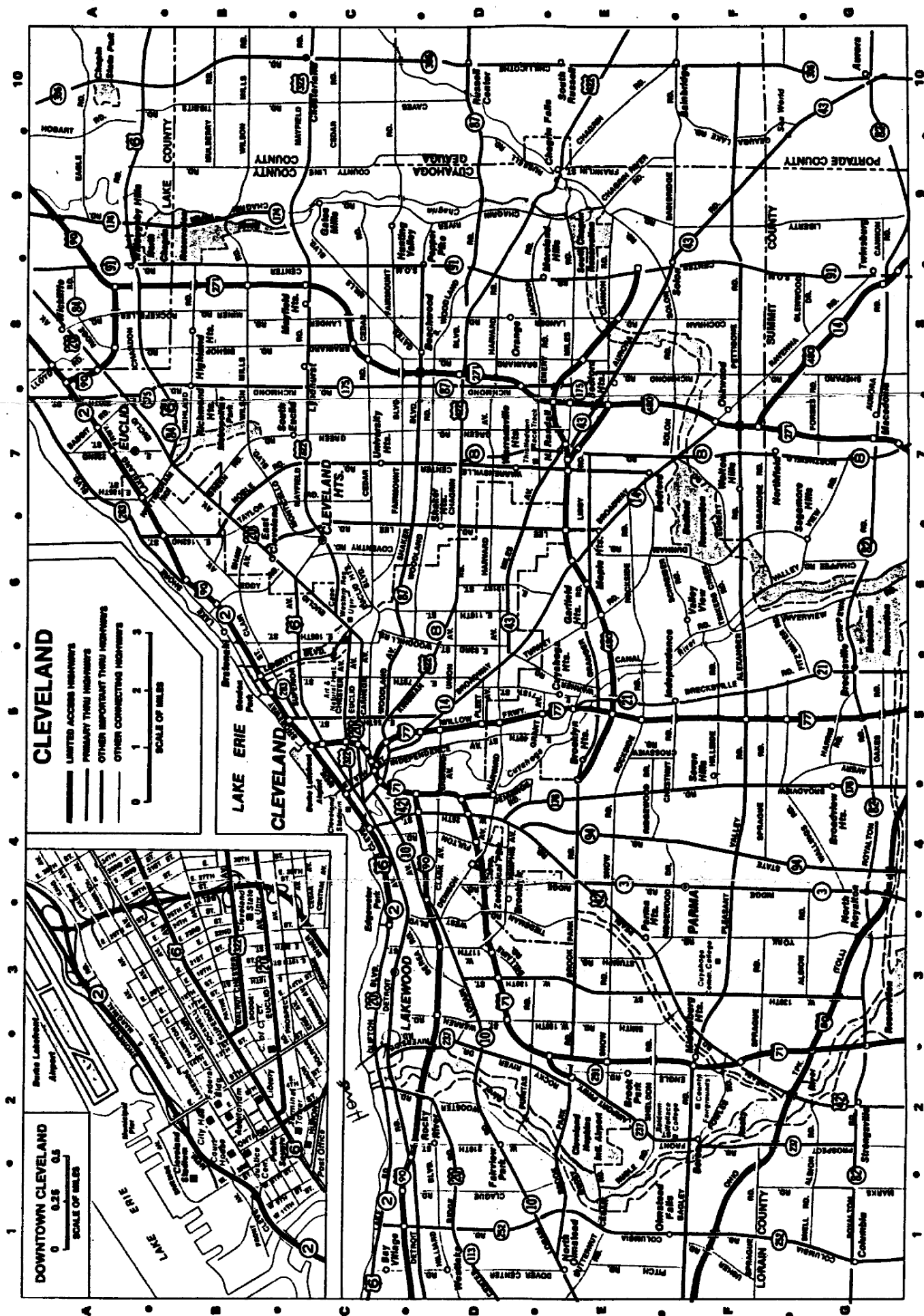
The assembly will be held at the "Beck Center for the Arts", a Cultural Arts complex in Lakewood, Ohio, a western suburb of Cleveland. This is not a hotel site; attendees will need their own in-town transportation.

We are now seeking volunteers for seminar-type presentations, and are asking users groups and vendors to participate in co-sponsoring the event. A Co-Sponsor is any one who books and pays for a \$25.00 exhibit table(s) now. Co-sponsors funds will be used to support Conference publicity.

Please direct inquiries to: Andy Kosiorek, President, Cleve. Sinclair UG on Compuserve at ID # 75046,3420, on Cleveland Freenet BBS, (216- 368-3888), at ID #aa236, or c/o the SYSOP, on Timelines T/S BBS, (216-671-6922 10PM to 6AM-EST). Or you can write to the Greater Cleveland Sinclair Users Group c/o 2192 Glenbury Ave. Lakewood, Ohio, 44107.

Reserve the dates on your calendar now!

Additional details will be posted as plans are developed.



1988 MIDWEST REGIONAL TIMEX-SINCLAIR-AMSTRAD CONFERENCE

PRESENTERS AND CO-SPONSORS REGISTRATION:

____ I volunteer to make a conference presentation or demonstration.

My proposed topic is: _____

____ Our Organization wishes to participate as a Co-Sponsor of the Conference. Enclosed is our check for \$ _____ for _____ exhibit table(s).

Terms: All tables (8' x 30") are \$25.00 each.
Make checks payable to "The Greater Cleveland
Sinclair Users Group."

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Mail this form to:

The Greater Cleveland Sinclair Users Group

c/o _____ Avenue

Lakewood, Ohio 44107

WANT ADS and FOR SALE

1. TS1000 WITH TOM BENT'S ROM, COMPOSITE VIDEO BOARD, A&J MICRODRIVE 1000, 12 WAFERS, KEYBOARD BEEPER, 16K RAMPACK-----ALL ONLY \$110.

Willie Jones
10126 E 33rd

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2. FOR SALE- QL microdrives. These are somewhat scarce and if one goes bad, it never hurts to have a replacement handy. Now is the chance, because I have some for sale---cheap! Only \$20 each and you can sock one away for when you need it (or maybe you already need one?).

FOR SALE- Do you find you need an SCLD for your TS2068? I can get you one, either new or used but good. Contact me for price and availability. These are a rare item and one of the few chips not available at a local source for your TS2068.

Query- a few months back I asked in the newsletter if any members were interested in participating in a group buy of dustcovers for their TS1000, TS1500, TS2068, or TS2040 printer. I got some response, but not enough, so lets try again. I need you to contact me, not just think about it, and depending on the response we may be able to get you some nicely made dustcovers for your valuable hardware.

PAUL HOLMGREN
5231 WILTON WOOD CT.
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46254
phone 317-291-6002

3. WANTED- People to write to Fred Nachbaur and let him know you support him in his efforts. He has many ideas of hardware and software for the TS1000, PC8300 clone, TS1500 that he will develop...if he hears that there will be some market for it. I have also seen in two other newsletters the rumour that he is getting ready to produce a Timex Sinclair Clone that will handle hardware and software for both the TS1000 and the TS2068, along with 80 column mode and C/PM. I hope this last is true and not just someones April Fool's joke in their newsletters.

Frank Davis- Editor

4. WANTED- SUBSCRIBERS to "TS UP-DATE QUARTERLY". This is a new magazine that supports the TS2068 and the various disk drives available for them. It has had three great quarterly issues so far, but needs a few more subscribers to insure its future. Try it and you will not be sorry. The Editor, Bill Johnson has long been an avid TS supporter, so let us get behind him and make it a success! This is not hype, the magazine is great! Contact Bill by writing to TS-2068 UP-DATE, 1317 Stratford Ave., Panama City, FL 32404 or call him at 904-871-4513.

5. WANTED- A QL motherboard in good condition as a backup. I am willing to pay no more than \$35, plus postage and handling. It must be fully populated.

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Peru, IN 46970
Phone 317-473-8031

ISTUG: Indiana SinclairTimex Users group, is a Not For Profit Group dedicated to the educational use of Sinclair and Timex-Sinclair Computers, for both the hobbyist and the professional user. We aim to do this by keeping members informed of sources for software, peripherals, computer shows, seminars and other educational events. We try to keep members aware of other sources of program listings and tips, by means of providing a newsletter 11 times a year for members, providing other newsletters obtained by user group swaps, and providing a library of programs that are public domain to all full members. Full membership \$10 ; Associate \$7.50 a year. Membership is offered in two ways: (1) Full membership, which entitles a member to all of the above, plus the full technical support of the other members on both hardware and software, and the opportunity to attend meetings which are held eleven times a year, usually on the 4th Saturday of the month at 1:30 P.M. On months when a major holiday falls that weekend, the meeting will be on the 3rd weekend. No December meeting. (2) Is Associate membership, which entitles you to the newsletter (in which any member may place free ads) and full support.

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